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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY EVENING, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1874.

Time to the time of writing no telegram of to-day's date has come to hand.

YESTERDAY'S Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm, Surats steadier, the sales for the day being 15,500 bales, of which 4,500 were Surats. Spot quotations as given by Reuter show an advance of 1-16d. in Good Fair Ginned Broach and 1-4 per lb. in Good Fair Ginned Dharwar and Hingunghaut.

In General Produce the only change reported is in Coffee, Mid Plantation Ceylon being quoted at 111s., an advance of 1s. per cwt., the market at the same time being strong.

The weekly quotations for Metals give an advance of 2l. per Ton in Copper; Yellow Metal unaltered; Spelter 10s. per ton higher.

The Bank of England return for the week is again favourable, the Reserve having increased by £437,000, and Bullion by £325,000, bringing the proportion of Reserve to Liabilities up to 49¾ against 48¾ per cent., last week. Discount on 6 months' bills in Indian bills is quoted at 3½ or ¼ per cent. over the Bank rate, but this can scarcely be interpreted as against the market in the immediate future, capitalists suitably requiring a slight advantage before locking up money at present low rates. The fact of a further payment of £50,000 into the Bank, since the return, is much more significant, not from the amount, but as indicating the tendency of the Market at the moment, and a reduction of the Bank rate to 2½ per cent. next week seems by no means improbable.

Reuter's quotations for Papee Paper indicate an apparent decline of 1½ per cent. in Fours and 1¼ per cent. in Fours and a half, but from what we can learn, this is owing more to previous quotations having been unduly high than to any actual change in the market. Fives and a half are still quoted at 101¼, which shows an advantage of fully ¾ per cent. over Bank Bills as a means of remittance to England.

The fortnightly statement of shipments of Piece Goods to India, received this morning, reports heavy supplies of all descriptions for Bombay, but moderate for Calcutta.

In SPECIE EXCHANGE, transactions, as usual on mail day have been very limited, and rates are not materially altered, but if anything the tendency is easier and against remitters. Business has again been almost entirely confined to Bank Bills, no amount of private paper being offered, and so far as this market alone is concerned, prospects still point to a decline in rates. The figures, at which the Council drafts were allotted on Wednesday, creates some little uncertainty, as the Exchange Banks could have drawn more advantageously from this side, and, in some quarters, it is believed probable that the bulk of the bills have been taken up by outsiders as a remittance against allotments of the Government loan; however, this may be, unless adverse influences from Calcutta, intervene, there is nothing on this side to warrant the figures paid.

We quote to-day:—

Bank Bills on demand		Rs. 103-10-1-3/4	per Rupee.
Ditto	6 months' sight	Rs 103-15/16 to 1-3/4	"
Ditto	4 "	Rs 104-1/16 to 3-1/4	"
Documents	6 "	Rs 103-15-3rd	"
Ditto	4 "	Rs 104-1/16 to 5-8	"

On Calcutta nothing has been done, and rates are nominally unaltered.

Government Paper is decidedly quiet, and we still quote:—Fours Rs. 103½; Fours and a half Rs. 101½; Fives and a half Rs. 109½.

The Bullion Market has been very steady but only a few lots of Sovereigns property can we quote at the prices.

In Cotton nothing has been done on European account, until to-day and the heavy rain having kept buyers off the Green. Prices are nominally unaltered.

Freights are unchanged, at £1-15 for steam, sailing ships no quotation.

Piece Goods of any thing are in somewhat better request, and although values are no higher more firmness is apparent.

BANKS.

No. of Shares	Nominal value per share	Paid up	Last dividend	Names.	Cash Sales per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
1,00,000	400	all	8 per ct.	Agra Bank	80
12,500	1,000	all	12 per ct.	Bank of Bengal	1,400
1,00,000	500	all	12½ per ct.	Do of Bombay New	750
10,000	500	250	12½ per ct.	Do 2nd Res. issue	500
4,200	1,000	all	8 per ct.	Do of Madras	1,420
15,000	400	all	15 per ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. & China	400
12,500	1,000	all	12½	Hong. & Shanghai Bank	400 bd.
50,000	200	all	8 per ct.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	175
15,000	250	125	4 per ct.	National Bank of India	124
12,000	750	all	12 per ct.	Oriental Bank	815

PRESS COMPANIES.

120	5,000	2,850		Albion Cotton Press Co.	1,350
200	2,000	1,400	100 per ct.	Alliance Co. Kurrachee	800
100	50	all		Albert Steaming Co.	6-0
100	5,00	80	Nil.	Alexandra Press Co.	1,019
200	1,000	all		Alliance Mill Co.	1,100
100	12,500	11,000		Apollo Press Co.	1,000
200	1,000	all	10 per ct.	Bazar Cotton G. & P. Co.	1,050
200	1,000	all	100 per ct.	Bombay Press Co.	1,150
200	500	350	50 per ct.	Do New	360
200	1,000	1,000		Broach Cotton Co.	500
100	1,000	all	7½	Carnac Company	700
400	1,000	all	7½ per ct.	Colaba Press Co.	5,000
850	5,000	all	25 per ct.	Coast India Press Co.	2,000
150	5,000	all	100 per ct.	Fort Press Co.	4,500
870	2,000	2,000	70 per ct.	Framji Cowasji Press Co.	950
200	500	all	100 per ct.	Fremat Press Co.	650
200	1,000	1,000	7½ per ct.	Imperial Press Co.	450
100	1,000	500	60 per ct.	Mofussil Press & G. Co.	535
600	2,000	2000		Nicol Free Manufg. Co., Ld.	1,850
150	2,500	2,000	100 per ct.	Prince of Wales Press	1,550
3	1,000	all	7½	Samson's Press Co.	1,000
400	100	75	5 per ct.	Scinde Free Press Co.	120
100	1,000	750		Scinde and Punjab Cotton Press Co., Limited	900
120	1,000	1,000	Rs. 5	Victoria Press, Madras	970
100	500	all	12 per ct.	Vic. Cot. Gin & Press Co.	1,000
400	1,000	all	10 per ct.	Vulcan United Press Co.	1,000

* For whole or One half year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

	£20	91	8-0	G. I. P. Railway Consolt.	
				Stock	245
	£20	10	14	Do. New 4 per Cent.	126
	£20	21	7	Ditto	—
	£100	1,00	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,810
	£15	10	7	Do. New Shares	—

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic, week ending 13th September 1874.

	Open 1,276½ Miles. Rs.	s.	p.
Coaching	90,67	12	3
Merchandize	1,20,18	6	6
Receipts Telegraph	18	0	6
Earth Traffic	830	0	0
Total Rs.	1,61,98	2	3

Corresponding week last year, open 1,201 miles

Total Rs.	2,00,36	2	2
Decrease Rs.	21,71	15	11

MONEY MARKET.

EXCHANGE OFFICE, Monday Evening.

Money remains quite easy, and supplies are ample for all reasonable requirements. Current Bills flow in more speedily than the proceeds can separately be employed, and the deposits in the Bank are stated at a high figure, whilst discounts are scarcely increasing. At present the prospects are clearly of an easy money market during the busy current season. Long rates in Bank Statement sufficient to cover issues of consequence as the cash would soon run down. It lacks having been added to the Loans and Credits on Government Securities, and 2 lacks to the Bills Discounted; the Rest or Balances were down 44 lakhs, but these 3 items alone were counterbalanced to the extent of 17 lacks by additions to the "other deposits." Some money continues to be forwarded to the Interior districts, but not to any large extent, and there is no export demand for any other quarter.

A further shipment of Silver was made to Bombay by the Contango Steamer of last Thursday, in value about £ lacks of rupees, whose shipments are quite inexplicable, as not made by the German Government, or other large holders of the metal, who cannot find a sale for it at home at present quotations. If it were so minable, they would be able to get 2 per cent. better by realizing there and sending on Council Bills.

EXCHANGES:—Sterling has experienced no change since last week, and the business done in Bank paper of a large business than for some time past has been mostly settled at the closing rate for last Mail, 1/10 5/16, the rate hovering between that and 1/10, at which figure also there was some business done. For Credits the rates have been 1/10¾ and 1/10 9/16, whilst the value of Documents has been alternately, 1/11 and easy at 1/10. The rates now show no tendency one way or other, and it is impossible to forecast with any probable true prospects of the rise of Imports and supplies of Council Drafts will be sufficient to check the rise though natural at this season from increased export business. To-day the settlement is:—

Bank Bills, on demand		1-10	15/16
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight		1-10	15/16
Bank Bills, 6 months' sight		1-10	1
Credits, 4 months' sight		1-10	15/16
Documents, 4 months' sight		1-10	15/16
Documents, 6 months' sight		1-10	1
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...TELEGRAMS.]

LONDON, 18th Sept.

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THE MOLTON STRIKE.

LONDON, 17th Sept.

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THE ...SUL OF MARSHAL
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PARIS, 17th Sept.

The trial of those accused of complicity in the ... has been con-
cluded. The Governor ... been acquitted
Colonel ... and M. Plantin have been senten-
ced to ... imprisonment, and two others
have received slight sentences.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, 17th SEPTEMBER.

The s... Delhi left yesterday for Bombay at ... P.M.

LONDON, 17th SEPT. AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firm. Sales yesterday.

The London Bullion Market closed with a hardening tendency.

Fair Dividends 2/0½d.

Exchange on India ... 1s. 9d. to 1s 10d.

4 per cents. Lapse Rapid ... 94¾

4½ per cents. do. do. ... 95¾

5½ per cents. do. do. ... 101⅝

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—

Reserve of notes ... £11,312,000. Inc. £137,000.

Bills discounted ... £17,600,000. ...

Bullion ... £28,579,000. Inc. £25,000.

3 per cent. Consols, for account ... 92¾

3 per cent. French Rents, 1872 ... 90¾

Bar Silver ... 57 13/16

The sum of £89,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

Arrivals: Alps and Lindsay.

THE *Lucknow Times* of the 16th instant announces subscriptions to the Prab's Memorial Fund amounting to Rs. 8,501.

A RUMOUR is current in Madras that Madame Arabella Goddard will pay another visit to that city on her homeward journey from Australia.

A TELEGRAM to the *Pioneer*, from Delhi, announces that the Maharajah entered Ulwur in the first train on Monday last, accompanied by numerous people. A grand banquet took place in the evening.

CAPTAINS W. J. HOWE, 12th Foot, and H. M. L. Hutchison, 14th Foot, will, it is stated have attached to the transport corps of the Duffla Expedition, at the head of which will be Colonel E. Baigrie, C.B.

IT is announced that bandmasters are to be in future prohibited from wearing plain clothes on any military duty, and that the salary allowed them from the 1st June last, in addition to their pay as first-class station sergeants, is fixed at £100 per annum.

THE defamation case instituted by Rajah ... Kishen Sing against ... Commissioners for Chartres, ... again for hearing on ... the evidence ... and Burke ... and the ... Counsel ...

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...covered that there was nothing to have prevented her from being sent to the men in the fishing smack had the captain chosen to send it. The entry in the log-book of the occurrence was as follows:—

"21st March, 1871, at 4 a.m., 3rd Head of Kinsale bore S.E., distance about 25 miles; ran a fishing boat down, the morning being foggy; she, it appeared from the crew of the boat, was that the lights was not seen until a collision was unavoidable. By the time the ship was brought to the wind, nothing had been seen, and boat put out, no voice could be heard of anyone. At the time it commenced all sails, and several other lights close to; thought it prudent to fill on the ship and keep her away to avoid another collision, as everything was done that could be done according to the state of the weather."

William Edgar, the master of the ship, gave the following defence to the Navigation Board:—On the morning of the 21st March, about 4 a.m., whilst in bed, hearing a noise on deck and voices calling out "head up," I jumped out of bed undressed and got on deck, and looking over the side saw we had struck a boat. I remained in the same spot till I saw what the result was. I then heard a voice saying 'Oh, oh,' but saw no one. I then gave a rope overboard and ordered the helm to be put hard-down, ran the gangway down on to the main deck, and called one back the main yard, when several voices responded the same words from on deck. Just as I had given this order, the second mate came running aft, and called out 'Hard down.' He then asked me, 'Will I put the boat out?' I replied, 'Certainly; do not.' I then stayed till I saw the crown of the mainsail started and men at the weather braces before I went and got my clothes on. I then came out, asked the man at the wheel if he could hear any one calling out from the wreck. He replied, 'Yes.' A portion of the crew were then hauling in the weather main braces and by the time they had done and the ship had cast her way I do not think much more than a minute must have elapsed. I still stopped aft, watching to see whether I could see anything of the wreck, or hear any cries, but could hear no one. Hearing the men call out to the boat alongside and knowing the danger of leaving her there, I called out for them to take her round to the lee side, which was done by the second mate with the painter in his hands. When he came aft I asked him what was the reason he was not away. He replied they wanted another oar. Twenty-five minutes must have elapsed from the time of the collision. I then stayed about eleven minutes longer on the poop, and then went down on to the main deck, were I was asked by the first and second mates what they were to do. I replied, 'I do not think it is of any use to go now, as the men will be all drowned by this time.' Rain was then falling, and the morning being dark and hazy, and a fresh breeze from S. W., ordered the boat to be pulled up, and landed on deck, and then the starboard was filled. Time occupied from the collision to the filling of the boat about three-quarters of an hour. Kept the ship away about one and a half points for about 15 minutes to get the ship clear from among other boats that were near us, as I saw several lights on the weather bow as well as to leeward. Kepten the port tack until 8 a.m. then tacked ship to the southward. The haze did not clear away until 7 a.m. My reason for not sending the boat away at the time I ordered her to be hoisted up was that I thought there was great risk in sending her away."

The Navigation Board while inquiring into the case on the 20th July and the two following days, decided that Captain Edgar had wilfully neglected to adopt proper means to render assistance to the crew of the smack, and they cancelled the master's certificate held by Captain Edgar. Captain Edgar has since been committed by the Police Court for trial before the Supreme Court, on a similar charge. The mate, Robert Hoey, has been found guilty by the Navigation Board of neglect of duty in not taking proper steps to avoid the collision, and in not rendering assistance to the drowning men. His certificate has been suspended for 12 months. A charge made against the second mate, being necessary to an alteration of the log-book, has been dismissed.

Various paragraphs have appeared in the English papers recently. It has still, there can be little doubt that the smack that has been lost is the Olive, of Castletown, Isle of Man, which was Sunday in the place and at the time of the collision. According to the extracts from the papers referred to, it would appear that all on board the Olive must have been lost, as no tidings had been received of her five weeks after 21st March. Captain Edgar, after his misfortune was discovered, went from New South Wales, but was arrested there on the criminal charge, and his trial will take place in the Supreme Court on 17th August.

EUROPEAN EXTRACTS.

KEEPING COOL.

Anybody who has money enough can keep warm in winter. Coolness in summer is a luxury which pecuniary resources will not always procure. This year we have thus far suffered less from heat than in many former seasons. But we may yet have quite enough for what is interesting one. One thing which may be urged in favour of mutual labour in the open air generally regard as a means of relief from the heat is a proper action of the skin, or, in unfashionable language they are wont to express it, "a good sweat." Farm hands, for instance, are often heard to remark that on hot days they suffer much more immediately after beginning to work than subsequently, when they have become thoroughly "warmed up." Men who either from necessity or for the sake of exercise, find occasion to take long walks in the country at midday, when the mercury is at 80 deg. or thereabouts, often relate a similar experience. Such a person will frequently say, in regard to one of these walks, that by the time he had reached his first mile in the sun, he felt as if he must turn back, but that after he had gone double that distance he found the task becoming much easier, and that after walking a little further he began really to enjoy it. We say nothing about the effect on spirit culture. We fear that any remarks we might be able to make upon that point would not altogether tend to encourage the experiment. But perfect idleness is, as a general rule, one of the worst aggravations of discomfort from the heat or from any other cause. We have another remark. How many cases are there ago to persons suffering from heat than a disordered stomach. The fare at watering places and country boarding-houses often more than counteracts in this way all the relief afforded by getting out of the city. That panting for air which many persons experience in extremely hot weather is more frequently the result of indigestion than of any other one cause. People who go to expensive summer resorts, determined to eat their money's worth, often for that very reason fail to get their money's worth in anything except the amount of provisions consumed.—*New York Times.*

THE BEECHER SCANDAL.

("TIMES" "AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT.")

PHILADELPHIA, 19TH AUGUST.

In the Beecher-Tilton business, Mr. Beecher has at length made his detailed defence before the Plymouth Church Committee. It is a statement of enormous length, and, with the subsequent cross-examination, would fill two pages of *The Times*. Mr. Beecher begins by reaffirming his explicit and comprehensive denial of Tilton's charges. He describes his first acquaintance with Tilton and his subsequent connexion with him of the *New York Independent* newspaper. Their friendly relations, he says, continued until 1870, when Tilton unveiled him in the *Independent* on political grounds, but their social intercourse was not broken until 1870. He speaks of his regard for Mr. Tilton and her family and solemnly declares that at no interview did anything occur between her and himself which might not have occurred with perfect propriety between brother and sister, or between a man of honour and the wife of his dearest friend. Mr. Beecher's intervention in Mr. Tilton's family and business affairs came about in 1870, and the manner of it is thus described:—

"After Mrs. Tilton's return from the West in December, 1870, a young girl whom Mrs. Tilton had taken into the family, educated, and treated like an own child (her testimony I understand is before the committee), was sent to me with an urgent request that I would visit Mrs. Tilton at her mother's. She said that Mrs. Tilton had left her home and gone to her mother's in consequence of the ill-treatment of her husband. She then gave an account of what she had seen of cruelty and abuse on the part of the husband that shocked me; and yet more what, with downcast look, she said that Mr. Tilton has visited her chamber in the night and sought her consent to his wishes. I immediately visited Mrs. Tilton at her mother's and received an account of her home life and of the despotism of her husband and of the management of a woman whom he had made house-keeper, which seemed like a nightmare dream. The question was whether she should go back or separate for ever from her husband. I said I persisted here to bring my wife to such duties, whose judgment in all domestic relations I thought better than my own, and accordingly a second visit was made. The result of the interview was that my wife was extremely indignant towards Mr. Tilton, and declared that no consideration on earth would induce her to remain an hour with a man who had treated her with a hundredth part of such fiendish and cruelty. I felt as strongly as she did, but hesitated, as I always do, at giving advice in favour of a separation. It was agreed that my wife should give her final advice at another visit.

"The next day when ready to go, she wished a final word, but there was company and the children were present, and as I wrote on a scrap of paper, 'I incline to think that your view is right, and that a separation and a settlement of support will be wisest, and that in his present desperate state her presence near him is far more likely to produce hatred than her absence.'

"Mrs. Tilton did not tell me that my presence had anything to do with this trouble, nor did she let me know that on the July previous he had entered from her a confession of extreme infidelity to me.

"On the evening of December 17, 1870, Mr. Bowen, on his way home, called at my house and handed me a letter from Mr. Tilton. It was, as nearly as I can remember, in the following terms:—

"'Henry Ward Beecher.—For reasons which you exactly know, and which I forbear to state, I demand that you withdraw from the pulpit and quit Brooklyn as a residence.' "'Theodore Tilton.'

"As I read it over twice, and turned to Bowen and said, 'The mad is prey.' This is about insanity,' and other like words. Mr. Bowen professed to be ignorant of the contents, and I handed him the letter to read. We at once fell into a conversation about Mr. Tilton. He gave me some account of Tilton. There came pouring in upon him so many stories of Mr. Tilton's private life and habits that he was overwhelmed, and that he was now considering whether he could consistently retain him on the *Brooklyn Union* or as chief contributor to the *Independent*.

"He narrated the story of the affair at Wineteeb, Connecticut, some like stories from the North-west, and charges brought against Tilton in his own office. Without doubt he believed these allegations, and so did I. The other facts previously stated to me seemed a full corroboration. We conversed for some time, Mr. Bowen wishing my opinion. It was frankly given. I did not see how he could maintain his relations with Mr. Tilton. The substance of the full conversation was that Tilton's immoderate vanity, his fatal facility in blundering (for which he had a genius), and ostentatious independence in his own opinions and general impracticableness, would keep the *Union* at disagreement with the political party for whose service it was published; and now, added to all this, these revelations of promiscuous immoralities would make his connexion with either paper fatal to its interests.

"I spoke strongly and emphatically, under the great provocation of his threatening to me and the revelation I had just had concerning his domestic affairs.

"Mr. Bowen dictated the letter of Tilton's which he had brought to me, and said earnestly that if trouble came of it I might rely upon his friendship. I learned afterwards that in the further quarrel ending in Tilton's peremptory expulsion from Bowen's service this conversation was repeated to Mr. Tilton. I believe that Bowen had an interview and received some further information about Tilton from my wife, to whom I had referred him.

"Although I have no doubt that Mr. Tilton would have lost his place at any rate, I have also no doubt that my influence was decisive and precipitated his final overthrow.

Mr. Henry C. Bowen, who is referred to, as the proprietor of the *New York Independent*. Mr. Beecher on thinking the matter over subsequently, says that he became very unhappy at the contemplation of Tilton's threatening character, caused by himself, which made him feel the strongest contrition and remorse, and this prompted much of his subsequent action. Mr. Tilton had extorted from his wife a short statement in writing which confessed guilt, and in reference to this and the accompanying events Mr. Beecher says:—

"On Tuesday evening, the 20th of December, 1870, about 7 o'clock, Mr. Francis D. Moulton called at my house, and with intense earnestness said, 'I wish you to go with me to see Mr. Tilton.' I replied that I could not then, as I was just going to my prayer-meeting. With the most positive manner he said, 'You must go; somebody else will take care of the meeting.' I went with him, not knowing what trouble had agitated him but vaguely thinking that I might now learn the solution of the recent threatening letter. On the way I asked what was the occasion of this visit, to which he replied that Mr. Tilton would inform me, or words to that effect. On entering his house Mr. Moulton locked the door, saying something about not being interrupted. He requested me to go into the front chamber, over the parlour. I was under the impression that Mr. Tilton was going to pour out on me his anger for colleasuring with Bowen and for the advice of separation given to his wife. I wished Mr. Moulton to be with me as a witness, but he insisted that I should go myself. Mr. Tilton received me coldly, but calmly. After a word or two, standing in front of me with a memorandum in is hand, he began a set oration. He charged me in sub-tance with acting for a long time in an unfriendly spirit; that I had sought his downfall, had spread injurious rumours about him, was using my place and influence to undermine him, had advised Mr. Bowen to dismiss him, and much more that I cannot remember. He then declared that I had injured him in his family relation, had joined with his mother-in-law in producing discord in his home, had advised a separation, had alienated his wife's affection from him had led her to love me more than any living being, had corrupted her moral nature and taught her to be insincere, lying, and hypocritical; and ended by charging that I had made wicked proposals to her. Until he reached this I had listened with some contempt, under the impression that he was attempting to bully me.

"But with the last charge he produced a paper purporting to be a certified statement of a previous confession made to him by his wife of her love for me, and that I had made proposals to her of an impure nature. He said that this confession had been made to him in July, six months previous; that his sense of honour and affection would not permit any such document to remain in existence; that he had burnt the original and should now destroy the only copy and then tore the paper into small pieces. If I had been shocked at such a statement I was absolutely thunderstruck when he closed the interview by requesting me to repair at once to his house, where, he said, Elizabeth was waiting for me, and learn from her lips the truth of his stories in so far as they concerned her. This fell like a thunderbolt on me. Could it be possible that his wife whom I had regarded as the type of moral goodness should have made such false and atrocious statements? And yet, if she had not, how would he dare to send me to her for confirmation of his charges?

"I went forth like a sleep-walker while clouds were flying in the sky. There had been a snow-storm, which was breaking away. The winds were out and whistling through the leafless trees; but all this was pace compared with my mood within. I believe that Moulton went with me to the door of Tilton's house. The housekeeper (the same person of whom Mrs. Tilton had complained) seemed to have been instructed by him, for she evidently expected me, and showed me at once up to Mrs. Tilton's room, Mrs. Tilton lay upon her bed, white as marble, with closed eyes, as in a trance, and with her hands upon her bosom, palm to palm, like one in prayer. As I look back upon it the picture is like some forms carved in marble that I had seen upon monuments in Europe.

"She made no motion, and gave no signs of recognition of my presence. I sat down near her and said:—'Elizabeth, Theodore has been making very serious charges against me, and sends me to you for confirmation.' She made no reply or sign. Yet it was plain that she was conscious and listening. I repeated some of his statements—that I had brought discord to the family and alienated her from him, had sought to break up the family, had usurped his influence, and then, as well as I could, I added that he said that I had made improper suggestions to her, and that she admitted this fact to him last July. I said, 'Elizabeth, have you made such statements to him?' She made no answer. I repeated the question. Tears ran down her cheeks, and she very slightly bowed her head in acquiescence. I said, 'You cannot mean that you have stated all that he has charged?' She opened her eyes and began in a slow and feeble way to explain how sick she had been, how wearied out by importunity; that he had confessed his own alienation, and said he could not bear to think that she was better than he; that she might win him to reformation if she would confess that she had loved me more than him, and that they would repent and go on with future concord. I cannot 'give her language, but only the tenour of her representations. I received them impatiently. I spoke to her in the strongest of language of her course. I said to her, 'Have I ever made any improper advances to you?' She said, 'N.' Then I asked, 'Why did you say so to your husband?' She seemed deeply distressed. 'My friend, (by that designation she almost always called me), I am sorry, but I could not help it. What can I do? I told her she could state in writing what she had now told me. She hastened for writing materials, which I handed her from her secretary standing near by, and she sat up in bed and wrote a brief counter-statement. In a sort of postscript she denied explicitly that I had ever offered any improper solicitation to her, that being the only charge made against me by Mr. Tilton or sustained by the statement about the confession which he had read to me. I dreamed of no worse charges at that time. That was horrible enough. The more I thought that he could make it, and could have extorted any evidence on which to base it, was enough to take away my senses. Neither my consciousness of its utter falsehood nor Mrs. Tilton's retraction of her part in it would remove the shock from my heart and head. Indeed, her admission to me that she had stated under any circumstances to her husband so wicked a falsehood was the crowning blow of all. It seemed to me as if she was going to die—that her mind was overthrown, and that I was in some dreadful way sucked up in it and might be left by her death with this terrible accusation hanging over me.

"I returned like one in a dream to Mr. Moulton's house, where I said very little and soon went home. It has been said that I confessed guilt and expressed remorse. This is utterly false. It is likely that, with Mrs. Tilton's retraction in my pocket, I should have thus stultified myself? On the next day at evening Mr. Moulton called at my house and came up into my bedroom. He said that Mrs. Tilton, on her husband's return to her after our interview, had informed him what she had done, and that I had her retraction. Moulton expostulated with me, said that the retraction, under the circumstances, would not mend matters, but only awaken fresh discord between husband and wife, and do great injury to Mrs Tilton without helping me. Mrs. Tilton, he said, and already recanted in writing the retraction made to me, and of course there might be no end to such contradictions. Meanwhile Tilton had destroyed his wife's first letter acknowledging the confession, and Mr. Moulton claimed that I had taken a mean advantage and made disharnourable use of Theodore's request that I should visit her in obtaining from her a written contradiction to a document not in existence. He said that all difficulties could be settled without any such papers, and that I ought to give it up.

"He was under great excitement. He made no verbal threats, but he opened his overcoat and with some emphatic remark showed a pistol, which his afterwards took out and laid on the bureau near which he stood. I gave the paper to him, and after a few moments' talk he left.

Mr. Beecher goes on to describe the growth of his feelings of distress at the ruin he had wrought through interference in T. on's affairs, and in this connexion explains the famous 'apology,' which has been used as the strongest evidence against him. He says:—

"It seemed to me that my life work was to end abruptly and in disaster. My earnest desire to avoid a public accusation and the evils which must necessarily flow from it, and which now have resulted from it, have been one of the leading motives that must explain my action during those four years with reference to this matter.

"It was in such a sore and distressing condition that Mr. Moulton found me. His manner was kind and conciliatory; he seemed, however, to be convinced that I had been seeking Tilton's downfall, that I had leagued with Mr. Bowen against him, and that I had by my advice come near destroying his family. I did not need any argument or persuasion to induce me to do and say anything which would remedy the injury of which I then believed I had certainly been the occasion, if not the active cause. But Mr. Moulton urged that, having wronged so, the wrong meant his means of support suddenly taken away, his reputation gone, his family destroyed, and that I had done it. He assured me of his own knowledge that the stories which I had heard of Mr. Tilton's iniquity of life, and which I had believed and repeated to Mr. Bowen, were all false, and that Mr. Tilton had always been faithful to his wife. I was persuaded into the belief of what he said and felt convinced of slander in its meanest form. He drew the picture of Mr. Tilton wronged in reputation, in position, wronged in purse, shattered in his family where he would otherwise have found a refuge, and at the same time looking upon me out of his deep distress, while I, abounding in friends, most popular, and with ample means, he drew that picture—my prosperity, overflowing and abounding, and Tilton's utter degradation. I was most intensely excited indeed. I felt that my mind was in danger of giving way. I walked up and down the room pouring forth my heart in the most unrestrained grief and bitterness of self-accusation, telling what my ideas were of the obligations of friendship and of the sacredness of the household, denying, however, an intentional wrong, saying that if I had been the cause, however remotely of that which I then beheld, I never could forgive myself, and heaping all the blame on my own head. The case as it then appeared to my eyes was strongly against me. My old and fellow worker had been dispossessed of his eminent place and influence and I had counselled it. His family had well-nigh been broken up and I had advised it. His wife had been long sick and broken in health and body, and I as I fully believed it, had been the cause of all this wreck by convincing that blind heedlessness and friendship which had beguiled her heart and had roused her husband into a fury of jealousy, although not caused by any intentional act of mine. And should I coldly defend myself? Should I pour indignation upon this lady? Should I hold her up to contempt as having thrust her affection upon me unsought? Should I tread upon the man and his household in their great adversity? I gave vent to my feelings without measure. I disclaimed with the greatest earnestness an intent to harm Theodore in his home or his business, and with inexplicable sorrow I both blamed and defended Mrs. Tilton in one breath.

"Mr. Moulton was apparently affected by my sollequy, for it was that rather than a conversation. He said that if Mr. Tilton could really be persuaded of the friendliness of my feelings towards him he was sure that there would be no trouble in procuring a reconciliation. I gave him leave to state to Theodore my feelings. He proposed that I should write a letter. I declined, but said that he could report our interview. He then proposed to make a memorandum of the talk, and sat down at my table, and took down, as I supposed, a condensed report of my talk; for I went on still pouring out my wounded feelings over this great desolation in Mr. Tilton's family. It was not a dictation of sentence after sentence, but a mere amanuensis, and I composing for him. Mr. Moulton was putting into his own shape parts of that which I was saying in my own manner, with profuse explanations. This paper of Mr. Moulton's was a mere memorandum of points to be used by him in stating forth my feelings. That it contains matter and points derived from me is without doubt, but they were put into sentences by him and expressed as he understood them, not as my words, but as hints of my figures and letters, to be used by him in conversing with Mr. Tilton. He did not read the paper to me, nor did I read it, nor have I ever seen it or heard it read that I remember until the publication of Mr. Tilton's recent documents, and now reading it I see in it thoughts that point to the matter of my discourse, but it is not my paper, nor are those my sentences, nor is it a correct report of what I said. It is a vague string of hints, hastily made by an unpractised writer as helps to his memory in representing to Mr. Tirton how I felt towards his family. If more than this be claimed, if it be set forth as in any proper sense my letter, I then disown it and denounce it. Some of the sentences, and particularly that in which I am made to say that I had obtained Mrs. Tilton's forgiveness, I never could have said even in substance. I had not obtained nor asked any forgiveness from her, and nobody pretended that I had done so; neither could I ever have said that I stumbled myself before Tilton as before God, except in the sense that both to God and to the man I thought I had deeply injured. I humbled myself as I certainly did. But it is useless to analyze a paper prepared as this was.

"The remainder of my plain statement concerning it will be its best comment. This document was written upon three separate half-sheets of large letter paper. After it was finished Mr. Moulton asked me if I would sign it; I said 'No, it was not my letter.' He replied that it would have more weight if I would in some way indicate that he was authorized to explain my statement. I took my pen and at some distance below the writing, and upon the lower margin, I indicated that I had committed the document in trust to Mr. Moulton, and I signed the line thus written by me."

Mr. Beecher goes on to explain at great length the circumstances under which the 'tripartite agreement' between Beecher, Bowen, and Tilton was signed; and further to describe Tilton's vagaries and frequent outbreaks. He explains his correspondence with Moulton, the 'mutual friend,' whose silence has had so much to do with maintaining this scandal, and whom Beecher hints is engaged in double-dealing in behalf of Tilton, and in this portion of the statement quotes an important letter from Moulton to Beecher, dated June 1, 1873, in which Moulton writes,—"You can stand it the whole case was published to-morrow." Mr. Beecher thus excuses his long silence under the charges:—

"That I have grievously erred in judgment with this perplexed case no one is more conscious than I am. I chose the wrong path and accepted a disastrous guidance in the beginning, and have indeed travelled on a 'rough and rugged edge' in my prolonged efforts to suppress this scandal, which has at last spread so much desolation through the land. But I cannot admit that I erred in desiring to keep these matters out of sight.

"In this respect I appeal to you and to all Christian men to judge whether almost any personal sacrifice ought not to have been made rather than to suffer the morals of an entire community, and especially of the young, to be corrupted by the filthy details of scandalous falsehoods daily iterated and amplified, for the gratification of impure curiosity, and the demoralization of every child that is old enough to read.

Mr. Beecher then makes distinct charges of successful blackmailing by Tilton, and intimates that the refusal to pay additional sums was the real reason why the accusation was made:—

"The full truth of this history requires that one more fact should be told, especially as Mr. Tilton has invited it. Money has been obtained of me in the course of these affairs in considerable sums, but I did not at first look upon the suggestions that I should contribute to Mr. Tiltons pecuniary wants as savouring of blackmail. This did not occur to me at all I had paid perhaps dlrs. 2,000. Afterwards I contributed at one time dlrs. 5,000. After the money had been paid over in five 1,000 dlrs. bills—to raise which I mortgaged the house I live in—I felt very much dissatisfied with myself about it. Finally, a square demand and a threat were made to one of my confidential friends that if dlrs. 5,000 more were not paid Tilton's charges would be laid before the public. This I saw at once was blackmail in its baldest form, and I never paid a cent of it, but challenged and requested the fullest exposure.'

"A few words more as to its further fate. Mr. Moulton, of his own accord, said that after using it he would, in two or three days, bring the memorandum back to me, and he cautioned me about disclosing in any way that there was a difficulty between Mr. Tilton and me, as it would be injurious to Tilton to have it known that I had quarrelled with him as would be to have such rumours afloat. I did not trouble myself about it until more than a year afterwar when Mr. Tilton began to write up his case, and was looking up documents. I wondered what was in the old memorandum, and desired to see it for certainty; so, one day, I suddenly asked Mr. Moulton for the memorandum, and said, 'You promised to return it to me.' He seemed confused for a moment, and said, 'Did I?' 'Certainly,' I answered. He replied that the paper had been destroyed. On my putting the question again, 'That paper was burnt up long ago,' and during the next two years; in various conversations of his own account, he spoke of it as destroyed. I had never asked for nor authorized the destruction of this paper, but I was not allowed to know that the document was in existence until a distinguished editor in New York within a few weeks past, assured me that Mr. Moulton had shown him the original, and that he had examined my signature to be sure of its genuineness. I know that there was a copy of it since this statement was in preparation.

"While I rejected this memorandum as any accurate condensation of my statements, it does undoubtedly correctly represent that I was in profound sorrow, and that blamed myself with great severity for the disaster of the Tilton family. I had not then the light that I now have. There was much there that weighed heavily on my heart and conscience which now weighs only on my heart. I have not the light which analyses and discriminates things.

"By one blow there opened before me a revelation full of anguish—an agonized family whose inmates had been my friends greatly beloved; the husband ruined in worldly prospects, the household crumbling to pieces, the woman, by long sickness and suffering either corrupted to deceit, as her husband alleged, or so broken in mind as to be irresponsible—and either way it was her enthusiasm for her pastor, as I was made to believe, that was the germ and beginning of the trouble.

"It was for me to have forestalled and prevented that mischief. My age and experience in the world should have put me more on my guard with the family."

He concludes by reiterating his statements of overwhelming anxiety and grief, at first for the injury he had done Tilton in his unwise interference, but afterwards for the greater injury which he became satisfied that he had done by "unwise, blind, and useless efforts to remedy that injury, only, as it proved, at the expense of my own name, the happiness of my own family, and the peace of my own Church." To his statement is annexed the following note to the Committee:—

"Gentlemen of the Committee,—In the note requesting your appointment I asked that you should make full investigation of all sources of information. You are witnesses that I have in no way influenced or interfered with your proceedings or duties. I have wished the investigation to be as searching that nothing could unsettle its results.

"I have nothing to gain by any policy of suppression or compromise.

"For four years I have borne and suffered enough, and I will not go a step further. I will be free. I will not walk under a rod or yoke. If any man will do me a favour, let him tell me all he knows now.

"It is not mine to lay down the law of honour in regard to the use of other persons' confidential communications; but in so far as my own willings are concerned, there is not a letter nor document which I am afraid to have exhibited; and I authorize any and call upon any living person to produce and print forthwith whatever writing they have of any source whatsoever.

"It is time for the sake of decency and of public morals that this matter should be brought to an end.

"It is an open pool of corruption exhaling deadly vapours.

"For six weeks the nation has risen up and sat down upon scandal. Not a great war nor a revolution could more have filled the newspapers than this question of domestic trouble, magnified a thousandfold, and, like a sour spot in the humble body, drawing to itself every morbid humour in the blood.

"Whoever is buried with it, it is time that this abomination be buried below all touch or power of resurrection. "HENRY WARD BEECHER."

The cross-examination is thoroughly corroborative of the statement, and I only quote the following from it, because of its judicious character. It refers to the famous "apology."

"Q. In the same letter occurred the words (which Mr. Tilton in his statements makes appear to come from another letter, but which in fact are from the same letter). 'When I saw you last I did not expect ever to see you again or be alive many days.' What was in your mind when you wrote them?—A. Just what I have stated in my statement already.

"Q. Nothing else?—A. No; I knew I frequently said, 'I wish I was dead,' and Theodore Tilton, he came in and said he wished he was dead, and Mr. Moulton was frequently in a state in which he wished he was dead, and Mrs. Moulton said, 'I am living among friends, every one of whom wishes he was dead,' or something like that; I do not know but it was smarter than that; but she put it in a way that was very ludicrous; every one of us used to be echoing that expression; we were vexed and plagued together, and I used the familiar phrase 'I wish I was dead.'

"Q. The outside gossip is that you referred in that line to contemplated suicide?

"Mr. Beecher.—How do you propose to cure the gossip?"

The Committee now have before them only the task of making up their report to Plymouth Church, and the general expectation is that it will be favourable to Mr. Beecher. Public opinion is, however, divided as to his innocence or guilt, though there has been no testimony produced against him which would convict him in any Court of Justice.

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